

House Resolution No. 903

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State businesses that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Southwest Electric Cooperative of Bolivar, Missouri, attained considerable distinction during the winter storm that occurred from January 12-January 14, 2007; and

Whereas, the seventy-six employees of Southwest Electric Cooperative worked an average of 14-15 hours each day to restore power to the 18,000 members who were removed from the electrical grid by the ice storm; and

Whereas, assisted by 195 mutual aid volunteers from other organizations, Southwest Electric Cooperative had hooked up 14,500 of its powerless customers by January 20, 2007; and

Whereas, because safety is always a priority at Southwest Electric Cooperative, no injuries were reported during the six arduous days in which employees reestablished power to most of the affected homes and businesses; and

Whereas, community members also assisted Southwest Electric Cooperative employees by providing tractors to move stranded electrical trucks, clearing trees from along the roadway, and donating food; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri businesses as Southwest Electric Cooperative at momentous times in its illustrious history:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the employees and administrators of Southwest Electric Cooperative and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for their dedication and hard work during the ice storm of January 12- January 14, 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Southwest Electric Cooperative of Bolivar, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Parson
District No. 133

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 903, adopted March 5, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker